

## Comprehensive Planning Enhancement Project

Local businesses and organizations are helping the citizens of Ravalli County plan our future by contributing funds needed to support a county planning initiative. We are committed to seek a plan that is fair and predictable, incorporates incentives to landowners and rewards the good land stewardship that has made the Bitter Root Valley such an attractive place to live and work.

So far \$60,000 has been raised from a broad cross section of our community toward matching a \$100,000 grant from The Brainerd Foundation. A total of \$376,000 is needed to supplement county funds.

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### This funding supplements county dollars to pay for:

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- Professional planners with experience working on tough planning issues in the fast-growing rural Rocky Mountains.
- Public involvement to make sure every voice in Ravalli County has the opportunity to be heard.
- Mapping data showing our natural resources and farmlands

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### Comprehensive, county-wide planning provides a way for the community to come to agreement about how we grow and brings predictability and fairness to the process by:

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- Developing a set of tools including incentives and regulations that provide predictability for the future growth of our Valley
- Protecting property values and property rights
- Helping farming and ranching be viable in the future
- Providing incentives to reward agricultural and other large landowners for their past and continues land stewardship, including (open lands funds, density bonus, cluster development, etc.)
- Protecting public health and safety
- Providing a predictable, more business-like process for development review, that is responsive to valley residents
- Protecting big game winter range and wildlife habitat

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### Make an Investment for the Future of Your County

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Only through your financial help can we reach the goal of county-wide, comprehensive planning for Ravalli County. Your investment in the county's future is critical and we thank you for it.

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### Ravalli County Commissioners

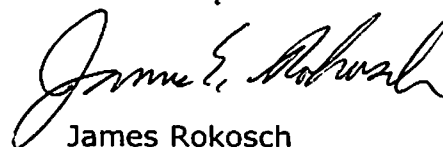
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For further information regarding the comprehensive planning process, please contact the Ravalli County Planning Department at 375-6530

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For further information about donating to the comprehensive planning process, please contact Gavin Ricklefs, Bitter Root Land Trust 375-0956  
P.O. Box 1806, Hamilton, MT 59840

**A diverse group of community members has already risen to the challenge and donated or pledged funds, including:**

**Bitterroot Building Industry Association**

**Bitterrooters For Planning**

**Bitterroot Resort**

**Bitterroot Chapter Trout Unlimited**

**Powell Surveying**

**Steve and Donna Benedict**

**Bitterroot Audubon Society**

**Confab LLC**

**Ravalli County Fish and Wildlife Association**

**Pricilla Antrim**

**Soroptimist of Hamilton**

**Bitterroot Engineering and Design Inc**

**Evans Ace Hardware**

**Maki Farms**

**Professional Consultants, Inc.**

**Alcyon**

**Friends of the Bitterroot**